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REMARKS

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1. On 26 May 1952, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne on Heide Allee, Halle (N 52/D 92) was rather heavily occupied. All buildings were lighted at dusk. On 20 May, 12 officers and about 50 MI wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia, were engaged in practicing the loading of 10 T-34/35 tanks at the Nietleben railroad station. The tanks returned to the Luftnachrichten Kaserne during the evening hours. On 23 May, between 300 and 400 troops received field training with small arms and drill on four 122-mm field howitzers in the area of the former airfield. About 50 soldiers practiced cross-country driving on 16 sidecar motorcycles with mounted machine guns. On 26 May, about 200 men received field training with small arms and machine guns in the airfield area. Four T-34/35 tanks entered the installation in the afternoon and were followed by eight trucks.

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2. On 27 May, the Flak Kaserne in Bornitz on the road to Beesen was occupied by no more than between 200 and 300 men, with the sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

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the units previously stationed there were in the summer camp in the Ziegelroth Heath west of Querfurt (N 52/D 71). On 24 May, between 80 and 100 soldiers were seen engaged in field training on Zimmermanns Meadows in the vicinity of the barracks installation. On 27 May, two 24-man sections wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying carbines and submachine guns and followed by five officers with red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia marched to the installation, coming from the direction of Beesen.

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[REDACTED] Comment. The present report confirms the impression that only elements of the 21st Gds Mecz Div have been transferred to the Lossa training area. Of those, the 28th Gds Tank Regt which is believed stationed in the Woernlitz Kaserne was confirmed [REDACTED]

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The present information indicates that the Woernlitz Kaserne is only lightly occupied. [REDACTED] The motor vehicles seen in Halle belong to eight troop units of the 21st Gds Mecz Div.

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[REDACTED] Comment. The area mentioned by the Soviet officers is not that of Lossa but is located about 5 km farther north.